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1. It is reported that a main topic of discussion at the meeting of the SED Parteivorstand 2-3 June in Berlin was the role of the Party within the various front organizations: Antifa Bloc, FDJ, National Front. Two members of the Komsomol delegation from Moscow attended as official representatives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party (USSR).
2. Wilhelm Pieck stated in a long, prepared speech that the growing demand on the Party for extra-Party work have brought actual Party work practically to a standstill. It is difficult to convince the great mass of Party members of the necessity of the super-Party, national-policy line and yet at the same time to require them to concentrate on the study of Marxist-Leninist theory. In fact the whole system of Party schools and courses is not comprehended by the members. It is difficult, for instance, to stress Marx and Lenin in these school courses, and then to avoid these topics completely in everyday politics because of practical considerations. The Party cannot renounce or even tone down its National Front policy; on the contrary, in view of the coming elections and the necessity for winning over the West, this policy must be emphasized still more. For this reason compulsory courses and seminars are to be organized to provide a systematic ideological training in Communist principles for the whole population. Students will be enrolled by a draft system and will include not only SED functionaries but also non-Party scientists, activists, civil servants, etc. In particular, all school principals must attend these courses. The curriculum has already been drawn up by the Propaganda Department in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. The Party will have free use of all state institutions and movies for this purpose. CDU leaders have promised that their young officials will attend these courses. Most important subjects are: History of the Communist Party (USSR), Biography of Stalin, and History of the USSR and of Communism.

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3. Fred Oelshner added details of the plans for new schools and courses. It was stated that the primary purpose is to educate the entire population in the theory of Communism. It was repeatedly emphasized that there is no German road to Socialism and that on the contrary the methods of the USSR must be applied in every detail in other countries.
4. A committee is charged with drawing up an election program before the Parteitag scheduled for July. This SED platform will avoid all radical phrases in an effort to win support in western Germany.

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